

What is claimed is:

1. A topical composition useful for delivering oil-soluble skin care actives into the skin comprising:
 - a) an oil-soluble skin care active;
 - b) a silicone oil; and
 - c) a silicone elastomer.
2. A composition according to Claim 1 wherein the composition comprises from about 0.01% to about 40%, by weight of the composition, of the oil-soluble skin care active.
3. A composition according to Claim 1 wherein the composition comprises from about 5% to about 99%, by weight of the composition, of the silicone oil.
4. A composition according to Claim 1 wherein the composition comprises from about 0.1% to about 30%, by weight of the composition, of the silicone elastomer.
5. A composition according to Claim 1 wherein the oil-soluble skin care active is selected from the group consisting of oil-soluble terpene alcohols, oil-soluble phytosterols, oil-soluble anti-acne actives, oil-soluble beta-hydroxy acids, oil-soluble vitamin B₃ compounds, oil-soluble retinoids, oil-soluble anti-oxidants, oil-soluble radical scavengers, oil-soluble chelators, oil-soluble flavonoids, oil-soluble anti-inflammatory agents, oil-soluble anti-cellulite agents, oil-soluble topical anesthetics, and mixtures thereof.
6. A composition according to Claim 1 wherein the silicone oil is selected from the group consisting of cyclomethicone, dimethicone, and mixtures thereof.
7. A composition according to Claim 1 wherein the silicone elastomer is selected from the group consisting of emulsifying silicone elastomers, non-emulsifying silicone elastomers, and mixtures thereof.
8. A composition according to Claim 5 wherein the oil-soluble skin care active is selected from the group consisting of farnesol, retinol, retinyl propionate, retinyl palmitate, tocopherol nicotinate, and mixtures thereof.

9. A composition according to Claim 1 wherein the silicone elastomer is an emulsifying elastomer selected from dimethicone copolyol crosspolymers and the silicone oil is dimethicone.

10. A composition according to Claim 7, wherein the non-emulsifying silicone elastomer is selected from the group consisting of dimethicone/vinyl dimethicone crosspolymers, and mixtures thereof.

11. A composition according to Claim 1, wherein the composition is anhydrous.

12. A composition according to Claim 1, wherein the composition further comprises an additional skin care active selected from the group consisting of sunscreen agents, particulate materials, conditioning agents, thickening agents, water-soluble vitamins, water-dispersible vitamins, oil-dispersible vitamins, and mixtures thereof.

13. A topical water-in-silicone emulsion composition useful for delivering oil-soluble skin care actives into the skin, comprising an oil continuous phase and an aqueous discontinuous phase, wherein the oil phase comprises:

- a) an oil-soluble skin care active;
- b) a silicone oil; and
- c) a silicone elastomer.

14. A composition according to Claim 13, wherein the composition comprises at least 51%, by weight of the composition, of the oil phase.

15. A composition according to Claim 13 wherein the composition comprises from about 0.01% to about 40%, by weight of the composition, of the oil-soluble skin care active.

16. A composition according to Claim 13 wherein the composition comprises from about 5% to about 99%, by weight of the composition, of the silicone oil.

17. A composition according to Claim 13 wherein the composition comprises from about 0.1% to about 30%, by weight of the composition, of the silicone elastomer.

18. A composition according to Claim 13 wherein the oil-soluble skin care active is selected from the group consisting of oil-soluble terpene alcohols, oil-soluble phytosterols, oil-soluble anti-acne actives, oil-soluble beta-hydroxy acids, oil-soluble vitamin B₃ compounds, oil-soluble retinoids, oil-soluble anti-oxidants, oil-soluble radical scavengers, oil-soluble chelators, oil-soluble flavonoids, oil-soluble anti-inflammatory agents, oil-soluble anti-cellulite agents, oil-soluble topical anesthetics, and mixtures thereof.

19. A composition according to Claim 13 wherein the silicone oil is selected from the group consisting of cyclomethicone, dimethicone, and mixtures thereof.

20. A composition according to Claim 1 wherein the silicone elastomer is selected from the group consisting of emulsifying silicone elastomers, non-emulsifying silicone elastomers, and mixtures thereof.

21. A composition according to Claim 18 wherein the oil-soluble skin care active is selected from the group consisting of farnesol, retinol, retinyl propionate, retinyl palmitate, tocopherol nicotinate, and mixtures thereof.

22. A composition according to Claim 20 wherein the silicone elastomer is an emulsifying elastomer selected from the group consisting of dimethicone copolyol crosspolymers and the silicone oil is dimethicone.

23. A composition according to Claim 20, wherein the non-emulsifying silicone elastomer is selected from the group consisting of dimethicone/vinyl dimethicone crosspolymers, and mixtures thereof.

24. A composition according to Claim 13, wherein the composition is anhydrous.

25. A composition according to Claim 13, wherein the composition further comprises an additional skin care active selected from the group consisting of sunscreen agents, particulate materials, conditioning agents, thickening agents, water-soluble vitamins, water-dispersible vitamins, oil-dispersible vitamins, and mixtures thereof.

26. A topical water-in-silicone emulsion composition useful for delivering oil-soluble skin care actives into the skin, comprising an oil continuous phase and an aqueous discontinuous phase, wherein the oil phase comprises:

- a) from about 0.01% to about 40%, by weight of the composition, of farnesol;
- b) from about 5% to about 99%, by weight of the composition, of a silicone oil; and
- c) from about 0.1% to about 30%, by weight of the composition, of a silicone elastomer.

27. A method of enhancing the delivery of oil-soluble skin care actives into the skin comprising applying to the skin of a mammal in need of treatment, a safe and effective amount of the composition of Claim 1.

28. A method of enhancing the delivery of oil soluble skin care actives into the skin comprising, applying to the skin of a mammal in need of treatment, a safe and effective amount of the composition of Claim 13.

29. A method of enhancing the delivery of oil soluble skin care actives into the skin comprising, applying a topical composition to the skin, said composition comprising:

- i) a silicone elastomer; and
- ii) an oil soluble skin care active.

30. A method of regulating the condition of skin, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of mammal in need of treatment, a safe and effective amount of the composition of Claim 1.

31. A method of regulating the condition of skin, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of mammal in need of treatment, a safe and effective amount of the composition of Claim 13.